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At the beginning and during the week prices were higher on most sizes in all locations. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand continued moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies ranged fully adequate to tight with mediums in the most available position. Nest run breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices were higher. Demand continued good with offerings mostly tight and held with extreme confidence. Liquid whole egg asking prices were higher with liquid yolk demand steadily improving. Floor stocks are tight to adequate. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Light type fowl offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand light to moderate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were up 2 cents for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the larger sizes and steady for medium. Retail demand was fairly good to good with orders improving as the week progresses. Institutional movement was usually moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight for the larger sizes and adequate to fully adequate for medium. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand continued good for the mostly tight offerings. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57-64	59-61
LARGE	55-63	57-61
MEDIUM	49-55	52-55

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, although all sizes were trending higher. The market tone was mostly fully steady to at times firm. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good, best where featured. Large 18-pack eggs were advertised for \$1.49 with a limit of 2. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-75	65-68
LARGE	57-72	62-64
MEDIUM	51-66	56-58

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR W/E 23-May-03
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	60.50	59.00	54.50
SOUTHEAST	59.50	57.50	53.00
MIDWEST	53.00	53.00	51.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	63.75	59.75	55.25
COMBINED REGIONAL	59.41	57.42	53.65

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	05-27-03	05-20-03	05-28-02
Large	40-44	34-38	27-30
Medium	32-34	30-32	14-18

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 26, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.0	14.9	4.2	9.4	12.4	50.9
	Change	0.4	3.2	-1.1	1.0	0.8	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.3	40.8	11.6	18.2	32.1	124.0
	Change	-0.9	0.4	1.7	1.3	2.8	4%
Large	Curr Wk	38.6	77.4	53.5	75.9	95.4	340.8
	Change	-11.3	-3.0	-11.6	6.1	12.9	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.4	37.0	18.0	21.9	37.1	122.4
	Change	-3.4	-3.6	0.7	-4.0	-0.4	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	4.6	1.6	7.0	5.7	23.3
	Change	0.5	-1.1	-1.9	0.4	0.4	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.8	22.8	7.9	13.6	5.7	55.8
	Change	0.8	0.4	-1.0	1.0	-0.4	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	8.5	25.3	20.0	25.2	25.2	104.2
	Change	-2.7	3.4	1.7	-0.5	-1.9	0%
Total	Curr Wk	97.0	222.8	116.8	171.2	213.6	821.4
Percent	Change	-15%	0%	-9%	3%	7%	-1%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	
Shell Egg		821.4		-1%		172	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/		260.0		3%		36	

Total Shell Egg 1081.4 0% 208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA SUMMARY
NORTHEAST	113.6	223.1	128.3	165.9	199.4
					830.3

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**WEEK ENDING 24-May-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,165,269	29,906	9,832	5,327	2,483	4,147
PW	1,241,568	30,114	11,857	6,225	2,545	4,178
LY	1,256,741	29,121	12,422	6,511	3,333	4,599
% CHG PW	-6	-1	-17	-14	-2	-1
% CHG LY	-7	3	-21	-18	-26	-10
2003	23,636,704	575,508	215,696	118,866	48,239	87,152
2002	24,316,779	562,717	241,691	129,745	58,403	87,692
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-11	-8	-17	-1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.23	42.18	41.90
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.67	38.82	38.24

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	May 17	May 24	May 17	May 24
	Thousand			
AL	28,809	28,857	21,681	21,918
AR	30,748	30,963	24,690	24,987
DE	3,672	3,892	*5,085	5,181
FL	1,529	1,329	1,899	1,749
GA	32,674	32,467	24,555	25,550
KY	6,376	6,401	5,341	5,911
LA	3,923	3,953	3,918	3,820
MD	*9,705	9,745	*6,158	6,259
MS	19,380	19,537	16,014	16,667
NC	18,933	18,924	15,019	15,110
OK	6,508	6,557	5,105	4,658
PA	*3,566	3,653	*2,618	2,676
SC	4,979	4,989	4,245	3,852
TX	15,080	15,090	12,574	12,563
VA	6,621	6,620	*5,693	5,001
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	16,788	17,062	*15,806	15,921
19 State Total	*209,291	210,039	*170,401	171,823
Previous Year Total	213,431	213,027	171,004	171,336
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	100	100

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 5-Jul-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 157.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 156.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 161.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 138.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.38 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 05/22/03-05/28/03

CURRENT LDS 87.75 FUTURE LDS 62.25 TOTAL LDS 150.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	47.63	49.90	47.00	48.00	—	—	28.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	52.00	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	61.43	56.42	58.97	53.00	58.11	45.50
GL W LG	—	59.22	57.00	58.00	52.71	51.00	29.00
GL W MD	47.50	44.00	48.78	50.20	49.20	48.00	12.00
GL W SM	28.50	30.50	29.00	30.00	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	41.00	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	39.67	44.10	43.88	37.00
NRBS - 45	38.33	—	—	—	—	40.33	3.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.00	19.00	—	30.50	1.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-May-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS		CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
				PW	LY
ATLANTA		20.8	21.1	-1	9
BOSTON		3.0	3.8	-21	-14
CHICAGO		59.9	64.8	-8	48
DETROIT		31.2	24.5	27	17
KANSAS CITY		2.7	8.0	-66	-33
LOS ANGELES		86.2	83.2	4	-4
NEW ORLEANS		11.3	11.8	-4	-12
NEW YORK		34.4	30.1	14	2
ST. LOUIS		20.3	18.5	10	44
SAN FRANCISCO		23.4	21.2	10	1
TOTAL		293.2	287.0	2	10
4 WK MVG AVG		283.2			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 24-May-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,024	2,784	39	12	4,859
AVG WT	15.89	36.69	25.41	27.41	27.91
LAST WEEK	2,120	2,863	97	10	5,090
SAME WK YR AGO	1,842	2,788	44	4	4,678
AVG WT	16.08	35.89	24.92	27.07	27.98
TO-DATE/2003	37,268	56,707	1,280	310	95,565
TO-DATE/2002	37,830	55,328	908	152	94,218

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 24-May-2003

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED			AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-		LIVE WT
N EAST	891	-1	22.07	(A)	894	22.07
SATL	759	-12	30.04	(A)	761	30.04
N CENT	2,239	-3	31.89	(A)	2,242	31.89
S CENT	499	1	20.89	(A)	501	20.89
WEST	459	-10	23.98	(A)	461	23.98
U.S. TOTAL	4,847 (B)	-5	27.91	12	4,859	27.91
TO-DATE						
2003	95,255 (B)			310	95,565	
TO-DATE						
2002	94,066 (B)			152	94,218	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 39,000 for the year 1,280,000; last year to date 908,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 24-May-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	159,049	1,624	1,463	3,087	470
AVG WT	5.01	3.45	8.26	5.73	6.85
LAST WEEK	155,533	1,493	1,313	2,806	418
SAME WK YR AGO	159,868	1,809	1,422	3,231	428
AVG WT	5.07	3.44	7.87	5.39	6.85
TO-DATE/2003	3,167,857	35,319	27,836	63,155	8,892
TO-DATE/2002	3,237,478	38,696	27,658	66,354	9,276

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161 million head or 2.6 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-May-03

	Current Week 05/31/03(1)	Previous Week 05/24/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	146,972(2)	163,640
LT HENS	2,031	1,770
HVY HENS	1,328	1,514
TOTAL	150,331	166,924

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-May-03 is 158.0 million head compared to 147.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 147.3 million head or 10.7 million less than estimated available. For week of 07-Jun-03 the estimated available is 159.0 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL				
19	146.2	154.5	95%	5.31
26	155.2	156.2	99%	5.16
MAY				
3	158.7	158.3	100%	5.09
10	157.5	159.2	99%	5.20
17	157.4	158.7	99%	5.25
24	161.0	158.4	102%	5.01
YEAR TO DATE	3206.4	3243.8	99%	
MAY	31	158.0		
JUNE	7	159.0		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 05/26/03-05/30/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	52.00-55.00	55.13	40	57.21	78	
Los Angeles	70.00	68.37	60	66.07	161	
New York	56.00-59.00	57.04	23	58.23	45	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
26-May-03	19-May-03	19-May-03	27-May-02	
61.33	1.33	60.00	58.47	

NUMBER OF LOADS 595

MONTHLY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
May	59.44	2546.40

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

OFFERS SALES WTD LBS
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ AVG (000)

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	59-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	57-58	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of

1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 05/26/03	2,688	218,471	43,620
AM 05/01/03	2,696	190,005	62,870
CHG	-8	28466	-19250
PCT CHG	0%	15%	-31%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 26-May-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	7.91
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.25-11.25 CENTS/LB.	7.75-8.25	8.08

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 23-May-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

RANGE MAJORITY

Eastern

Removal Cost 0-10 7-8

So. Central

Removal Cost Too Few To Report

No. Central

Removal Cost 0-8.75 8-8.75

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

W/E 24-May-03

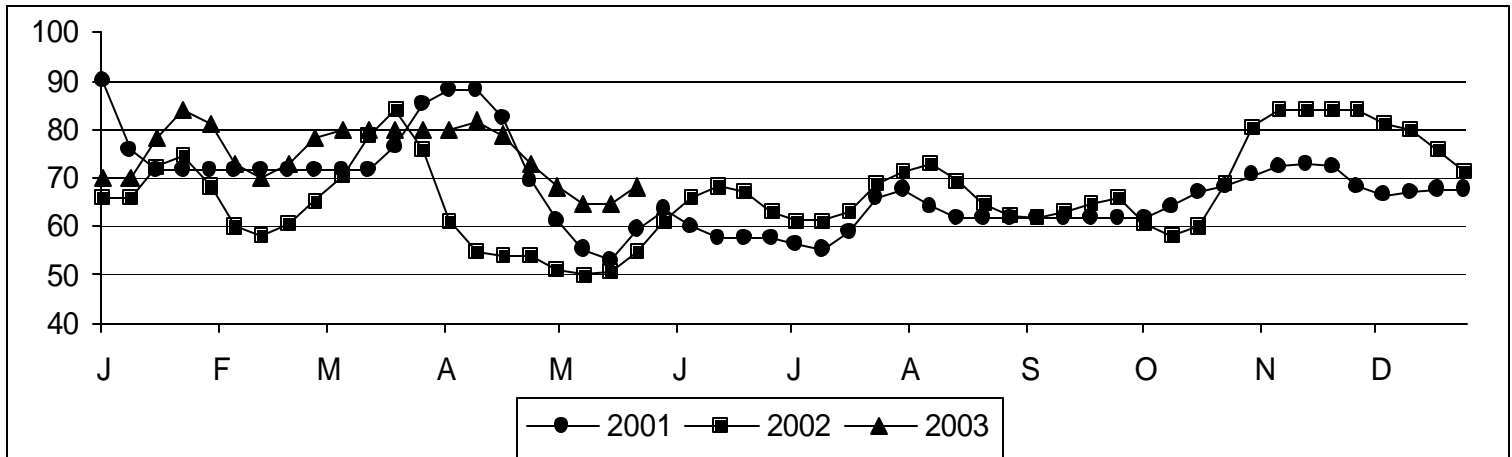
REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	206.1	-1	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	540.1	-3	16
W.N. CENTRAL	288.9	-7	15
S. ATLANTIC	171.5	2	15
S. CENTRAL	92.5	-1	16
WEST	191.2	4	5
TOTAL	1490.3	-2	10

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

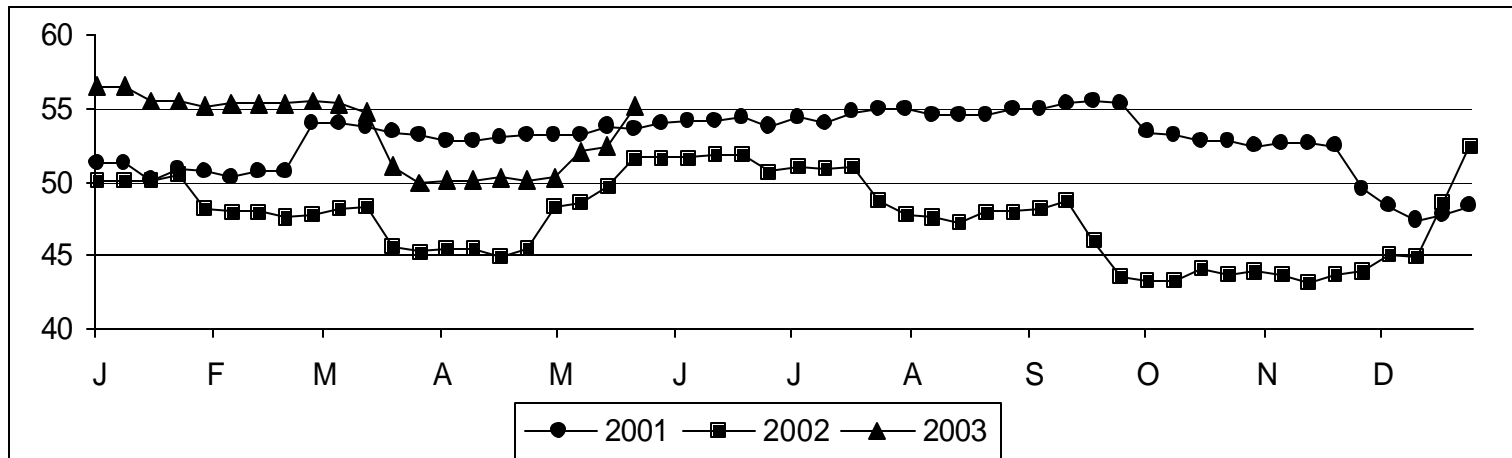
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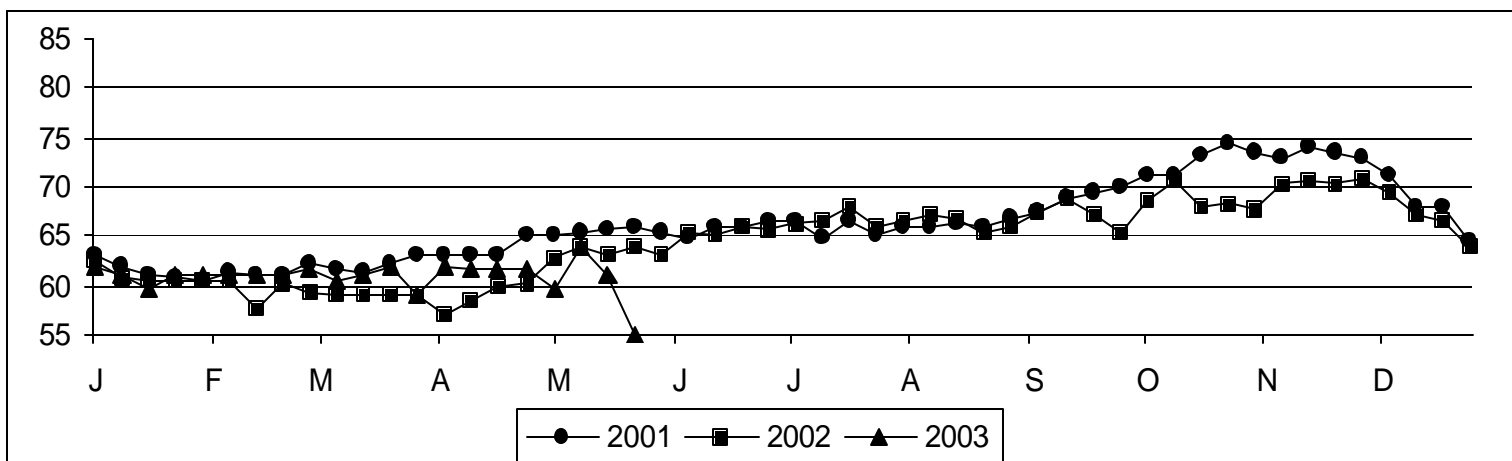
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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